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PART 1:

Journal Name:	Journal of Advances in Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Manuscript Number:	2014_JAMPS_11341
Title of the Manuscript:	Levels of oxidised low-density lipoprotein and high sensitivity C-reactive protein associated with retinal vascular occlusions
Type of the Article	Short Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Despite the addition of a table containing the parameters of the single subjects of the study (which further support their heterogenous characteristics), and the specification that this would be a pilot study, no changes have been made to the manuscript regarding the number of subjects, especially for the control group. This remains a very strong limitation of this study, as patients are very heterogenous and only 2 controls cannot be accepted. Although the observation of a trend support the case for a larger study, none of the parameters considered was found to be significantly different between the two groups.	Thank you to the final evaluator for their valuable insights. Given that OX-LDL and HSCRP both have normal ranges, it is not strictly necessary to have controls. We thought it might be interesting to include some normal subjects, but we can remove them from the paper, if it is advised. A full age matched control study (where cofounders such as other atherosclerotic conditions are also controlled for) is necessary to fully evaluate the role of these markers in retinal vascular disease. We submit that this pilot study, which was underpowered, did show a sufficient trend to justify performing such a study.